

# **Fact sheet**

## **concerning the importation and transit of certain domestic animals from third countries**

### **General information**

European Community law does not yet contain specific veterinary requirements concerning the import and transit of all domestic animals from third countries. In the fields that are still unregulated by Community law, the national provisions of the individual member states, therefore, apply.

The following provides an overview of the German regulations laid down in the so-called Ordinance on Disease Control in the Internal Market

\*) (*Binnenmarkt-Tierseuchenschutzverordnung*) concerning the import and transit of certain animals. In some cases, the Ordinance provides for exemptions from the fundamental provisions, e.g. for **travelling with animals or in the event of a change of domicile**. These exemptions vary to some extent and are, therefore, set out separately.

The list cannot take all animals into account in whose import or transit there might be interest. In some cases, e.g. in the case of specific **hoofed and cloven-hoofed animals**, the animal health status of the respective country of origin must be taken into consideration when deciding on the approvability of import or transit. There are no specific provisions applying to other animals such as **hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, rats and ornamental fish** so that merely the veterinary ban on the import and transit of diseased animals or of animals suspected of being infected must be observed. However, these animals as well must, when they are **transported for commercial purposes**, be subjected to a **veterinary examination upon importation** at the so-called border inspection posts **at the external borders of the EU** on account of animal welfare provisions.

The *Bundesland* (federal state), where the animals are to cross the border or arrive at a port or airport, shall be responsible for issuing a **veterinary import authorization**. The supreme *Länder* authorities in charge of veterinary affairs provide pertinent information (addresses are enclosed).

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\*) Ordinance on Intra-Community Movement, Import and Transit of Live Animals and Products (Ordinance on Disease Control in the Internal Market) as amended on 10 August 1999 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 1820), last amended by Article 5 (5) of the Act of 6 August 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I, p. 3082)

## **Specific veterinary provisions:**

### **PARROTS AND PARAKEETS**

#### **(a) Principle:**

The competent veterinary authority of the *Land* must grant an authorization under veterinary law for the importation and transit of parrots and parakeets.

#### **b) Exceptions:**

An authorization shall not be required for the importation and transit of parrots and parakeets,

which are moved **in holiday traffic or upon a change of domicile** provided not more than three animals are involved that are not intended to be handed over to third persons:

(1) the animals must be accompanied by a **veterinary health certificate**

- issued no longer than 10 days prior to entry, and

- stating that the animals have been found healthy and that no diseases communicable to parrots and parakeets have been officially notified in their flock of origin within the past 30 days;

(2) animals which are **moved in transit** between two locations of a neighboring third country across the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany or between two locations of the Federal Republic of Germany across the territory of a neighboring third country provided that this movement is governed by an agreement to facilitate cross-border traffic that has been concluded between the Federal Republic of Germany and this third country;

(3) animals used by **circus artistes**.

## **DOMESTIC AND WILD FOWL**

#### **Scope:**

Domestic fowl: ducks, geese, hens including guinea fowls and turkeys, ratites

Wild fowl: capercaillie, black grouse game, pheasants, sandgrouse, hazel grouse, willow grouse, hybrid grouse, partridge, snow grouse, snipes including dowitchers, swans, rock partridges, bustards, wild turkeys, quails, coots, wild ducks, wild goose, wild pigeons, peacocks, doves.

#### **a) Principle:**

The competent veterinary authority of the *Land* must authorize the importation and transit of domestic and wild fowl under veterinary law.

#### **b) Exceptions:**

The importation and transit of **carrier pigeons** imported in special containers for the purpose of being released is not subject to authorization.

## **HARES AND DOMESTIC RABBITS**

#### **a) Principle:**

The competent veterinary authority of the *Land* must authorize the importation and transit of hares and domestic rabbits under veterinary law.

#### **b) Exceptions:**

(1) domestic rabbits (max. three) which are moved **in holiday traffic or upon a change of domicile** and which are not intended to be handed over to a third person,

(2) animals which are **moved in transit** between two locations of a neighboring third country across the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany or between two locations of the Federal Republic of Germany across the territory of a neighboring third country provided that this movement is governed by an agreement to facilitate cross-border traffic that has been concluded between the Federal Republic of Germany and this third country;

(3) animals used by **circus artistes**.

## **MONKEYS**

The competent veterinary authority of the *Land* must authorize the importation and transit of monkeys under veterinary law.

## **ORNAMENTAL FISH**

Irrespective of the number of fish, epizootic approval is required for the importation of ornamental fish.

In accordance with the legal requirements of the European Communities and of the Federal Republic of Germany, the **Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)** must also be observed, as appropriate, when importing domestic animals.

For questions on this matter please contact the responsible German authority:

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# **Tiergesundheitsbescheinigung 1)**

**für das vorübergehende innergemeinschaftliche Verbringen, für die vorübergehende Einfuhr und die Durchfuhr im Reiseverkehr oder das innergemeinschaftliche Verbringen und die Einfuhr bei der Wohnsitz-verlegung von Papageien und Sittichen nach (durch) Deutschland**

## ***Animal health certificate 1 )***

***for the temporary intra-Community movement, for the temporary importation and the transit in tourist traffic or the intra-Community movement and importation in the case of a transfer of residence of parrots and parakeets into (through) Germany***

Herkunftsland: .....

*Country of origin:*

Ausstellender amtlicher Tierarzt (Name und Anschrift):

*Issuing official veterinarian (name and address):*

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**I. Herkunft des Tieres:**

*Origin of animal:*

Name und Anschrift des Halters des Tieres:

*Name and address of the keeper:*

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Name und Anschrift des Verfügungsberechtigten:<sup>(2)</sup>  
*Name and address of the person authorized to dispose:*<sup>(2)</sup>

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**II. Angaben zur Identifizierung der Tiere:**  
***Identification of animals:***

Papagei (Sittich), Geschlecht: ..... Art: .....

*Parrot (Parakeet), sex..... Species:.....*

Alter: ..... Farbe: .....

*Age: ..... Colour: .....*

Sonstige Kennzeichen oder Beschreibung:  
*Other characteristics or description:*

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**III. Der Unterzeichnete bescheinigt folgendes:**

***The undersigned certifies that:***

Das/Die Tier(e) ist/sind klinisch untersucht und als gesund befunden worden.

*The animal(s) has/have been found healthy.*

In dem Herkunftsbestand der/des Tiere/s ist/sind während der letzten 30 Tage keine auf Papageien und Sittiche übertragbaren Krankheiten amtlich festgestellt worden.

*There is no diseases communicable to parrots and parakeets that have been officially notified in their flock of origin within the past 30 days.*

**IV. Diese Bescheinigung ist zehn (10) Tage gültig.\_**  
**This certificate is valid for ten (10) days.<sup>3</sup>**

Ausgefertigt in ..... am .....  
Done at (Ort/place) on (Datum/date)

Amtlicher Tierarzt:  
*Official Veterinary officer:*

.....  
(Unterschrift/signature)\_

(Siegel oder Stempel)<sup>3)</sup>  
(Seal or stamp) <sup>3)</sup>

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- 1) Die Bescheinigung ist nur anwendbar für höchstens drei nicht zur Abgabe an Dritte bestimmte Tiere.  
*The certificate is only applicable to no more than three animals not destined to be delivered to third persons.*

2) Streichen, wenn nicht zutreffend.  
*Delete as applicable.*

3) Unterschrift und Stempel müssen sich farblich von der Druckfarbe der Bescheinigung unterscheiden.  
*Signature and stamp must be different from the colour of printing.*